

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical ultrasonic instrument comprising a housing (10) which has an ultrasonic transducer (12), a shaft (16) connected to the housing (10) and having an application arrangement provided at its distal end, with the application arrangement having a working element (18, 18', 18'') driven by the ultrasonic transducer (12) in an oscillating manner in the axial direction of the shaft and a fixed position working element (20, 20', 20'') ~~with a being fixed position~~ in the axial direction, with the fixed position working element (20, 20', 20'') being immovably connected to the shaft (16), and the fixed position working element (18, 20; 18'') and the driven working element (20', 18'', 20'') forming a working space (F) between them which has a cutting edge, wherein the working space ~~which~~ tapers in the proximal direction and ~~which receives serves for the reception of~~ body tissue ~~in order~~ to coagulate it and/or to cut it.
2. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the fixed position working element (20, 20', 20'') is part of a protective sleeve (24).
3. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the movable working element (18, 18', 18'') emerges from an end face opening provided in the fixed position working element (20, 20', 20'').
4. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the fixed position working element (20, 20', 20'') has an end face (28, 28', 28'') extending obliquely to the axial direction and/or has an end face (28, 28'') which is planar overall.

5. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the fixed position working element (~~20, 20', 20"~~) and the movable working element (~~18, 18', 18"~~) are substantially of the same length at the distal end in the axial direction.
6. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the fixed position working element (~~20'~~) has an end face (~~28~~) which is at least partly curved and/or has an end face (~~28~~) which has differently inclined and/or curved sections (~~a, b, c~~) relative to the longitudinal axis of the instrument.
7. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the fixed position working element (~~20, 20', 20"~~) tapers laterally in comparison with the shaft (~~24~~).
8. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the movable working element (~~18, 18'~~) is rotationally symmetrical.
9. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the movable working element (~~18~~) tapers conically in the distal direction.
10. (Currently Amended) An instrument in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that a working element (~~18"~~) is adjustable about its longitudinal axis relative to the other working element (~~20"~~) and has at least two differently designed working surfaces; and/or in that the movable working element (~~18, 18', 18"~~) and the fixed position working element (~~20, 20', 20"~~) are releasably connected to one another.